PROPOSAL

For Diſpoſing of

A moſt Magnificent CABINET,

Deſigned by that great ARCHITECT,

MICHAEL ANGELO BUONAROTA,

While he was under the Protection of Pope *Julius* the Second, about the Year 1510; and executed at the Expence of one of the firſt PRINCES of ITALY.

This valuable Curioſity is compoſed of, and inlaid with, LAPIS LAZULI, *and the moſt precious Stones of the* EAST, *ſupported by large Columns of* AGATE *and* AMETHYST *of the Corinthian Order, with Pilaſters of* BLOODY JASPER; *the two Principal Obeliſks are ſupported on* PEARLS *of uncommon large Size, interſperſed with ſeveral of leſs Dimenſions; and the whole decorated with a Variety of beautiful Ornaments and Devices, properly adapted to the Structure: It has ever been eſteemed one of the richeſt Pieces of Workmanſhip in* EUROPE, *having coſt, in the original Conſtruction, upwards of* Eleven Thouſand Pounds Sterling; *and employed the greateſt Genius, Labour, and Art, for* above Twenty Years, *in bringing it to Perfection.*

*** To the above ſuperb Curioſity is added a moſt elegant CLOCK, deſigned by a very great Architect, on the niceſt Principles of juſt Symmetry and Proportion; ornamented with Diamonds, Rubies, Sapphires, Emeralds, and other valuable Gems; ſupported by four beautiful Pillars of Bloody Jaſper, of the Corinthian Order, and Pilaſters of the ſame; being allowed by all Connoiſſeurs to be a moſt perfect Work of the Kind, having coſt near Two Thouſand Pounds in the Conſtruction about a Century and half ago.---And to theſe a SNUFF-BOX of Tortoiſe-Shell ſet in Gold, and embelliſhed with a beautiful Painting on the Lid, covered with Cryſtal.

The *preſent* Price is fixed at Six Thouſand Guineas; which, for the Conveniency of Purchaſers, is divided into ſmall Shares of One Guinea each, that any Perſon may have as many or as few as he pleaſes.

As all the Shares in the ſaid CABINET, CLOCK, and SNUFF-BOX, are (by private Agreement among its Purchaſers) to become veſted in ONE, TWO, or THREE Perſons; they are to be delivered to the Perſons entitled to the ſame, by Mr. RUSPINI, of *Pall-Mall*, (in whoſe Poſſeſſion they now are, ready for that Purpoſe) in the Month of *March*, 1771, poſitively.

The Mode of aſcertaining the Property of the aforeſaid CABINET, CLOCK, and SNUFF-BOX, will be determined by a Machine (ſimilar to that which determined the Centre Houſe of *Groſvenor* Square, ſome Years ago) containing Five Wheels with Figures thereon, which will by Rotation form every Number from No. 1. to 59m999. upon an equitable and equal Principle. Theſe Wheels will be kept moving ſome Time in different Directions; by which Means they will be continually varying; and when ſtopped, the Figures ranging along the Middle, which will be the Part viſible, will be the Number entitled to the SNUFF-Box.

After being put in Motion as before, the Second Number will be entitled to the CLOCK.

Moving again as before, the Third and laſt Number will be entitled to the CABINET.

In order to avoid any Imputation, or even the Shadow of Fraud or Contrivance in Favour of any one (which from the Nature of the Mode would be impoſſible, were it deſigned) the Determination will be under the Direction and Management of a Committee conſiſting of Twelve Gentlemen of Rank and Fortune, Subſcribers.

*** The Machine being now finiſhed, may be ſeen by the Subſcribers at Mr. RUSPINI's, where they may, from an Examination of it, be convinced of the *Equity* of the Mode of Determination, the Day fixed for which is *Thurſday* the 28th of *March*, 1771, at Two o'Clock preciſely, at Mr. CHRISTIE's Room in *Pall-Mall*, where ſuch Subſcribers as think proper may attend.

Each Receipt is underſtood to compriſe, and be reſponſible for, Ten Numbers; as thus—No. 1. to 10. incluſive—No. 11. to 20. incluſive—No. 21. to 30. incluſive—and ſo on: Whereby every Perſon paying a Guinea will have Ten Numbers, which Method will make 6000 anſwer exactly to 60,000.

The Nobility and Gentry, deſirous of being Subſcribers, are deſired to ſend for Receipts to Meſſrs. CROFTS, HART, and Co. Bankers, in *Pall Mall*; Meſſrs. HANKEY, and Co. Bankers, in *Fenchurch Street*; or Mr. RUSPINI, in *Pall Mall*, where Propoſals may be had.